

Coyne Houghton Northrup
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Crowley Hunter Oberstar
Cubin Hutchinson Obey
Cummings Hyde Olver
Cunningham Inslee Ortiz
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Davis (FL) Istook Owens
Davis (IL) Jackson (IL) Oxley
Davis (VA) Jackson-Lee Packard
Deal (TX) Pallone
DeFazio Jenkins Pascarell
DeGette John Pastor
Delahunt Johnson (CT) Paul
DeLauro Johnson, E. B. Payne
DeLay Johnson, Sam Pease
DeMint Jones (NC) Pelosi
Deutsch Jones (OH) Peterson (MN)
Diaz-Balart Kanjorski Peterson (PA)
Dickey Kaptur Petri
Dicks Kasich Phelps
Dingell Kelly Pickering
Dixon Kennedy Pickett
Doggett Kildee Pitts
Dooley Kilpatrick Pombo
Doolittle Kind (WI) Porter
Doyle King (NY) Portman
Dreier Kingston Price (NC)
Duncan Kleczka Pryce (OH)
Dunn Knollenberg Quinn
Edwards Kolbe Radanovich
Ehlers Kucinich Rahall
Ehrlich Kuykendall Ramstad
Emerson LaFalce Regula
Engel LaHood Reyes
English Lampson Reynolds
Eshoo Lantos Riley
Etheridge Largent Rivers
Evans Larson Rodriguez
Everett Latham Roemer
Ewing LaTourette Rogan
Farr Leach Rogers
Fattah Lee Rohrabacher
Filner Levin Ros-Lehtinen
Fletcher Lewis (CA) Rothman
Foley Lewis (GA) Roybal-Allard
Forbes Lewis (KY) Royce
Ford Linder Rush
Fossella LoBiondo Ryan (WI)
Fowler Lofgren Ryan (KS)
Frank (MA) Lowey Salmon
Franks (NJ) Lucas (KY) Sanchez
Frelinghuysen Lucas (OK) Sanders
Frost Luther Sandlin
Gallegly Maloney (CT) Sanford
Ganske Maloney (NY) Sawyer
Gejdenson Mascara Saxton
Gekas Matsui Scarborough
Gephardt McCarthy (MO) Schaffer
Gibbons McCarthy (NY) Schakowsky
Gilchrest McCrery Scott
Gillmor McDermott Sensenbrenner
Gilman McGovern Serrano
Gonzalez McHugh Sessions
Goode McInnis Shadegg
Goodlatte McIntyre Shaw
Goodling McKeon Shays
Gordon McKinney Sherman
Goss McNulty Sherwood
Graham Meehan Shimkus
Granger Meek (FL) Simpson
Green (TX) Meeks (NY) Sisisky
Green (WI) Menendez Skeen
Greenwood Metcalf Skelton
Gutknecht Mica Slaughter
Hall (OH) Millender Smith (MI)
Hall (TX) McDonald Smith (NJ)
Hastings (FL) Miller (FL) Smith (TX)
Hastings (WA) Miller, Gary Smith (WA)
Hayes Miller, George Snyder
Hayworth Minge Souder
Herger Mink Spence
Hill (IN) Moakley Spratt
Hill (MT) Mollohan Stabenow
Hilleary Moore Stark
Hilliard Moran (KS) Stearns
Hinojosa Moran (VA) Stenholm
Hobson Morella Strickland
Hoeffel Murtha Stump
Hoekstra Myrick Stupak
Holden Nadler Sununu
Holt Napolitano Sweeney
Hooley Neal Tancredo
Horn Nethercutt Tanner
Hostettler Ney Tauscher

Tauzin Udall (CO) Weldon (PA)
Taylor (NC) Udall (NM) Weller
Terry Upton Wexler
Thomas Velazquez Weygand
Thompson (CA) Visclosky Whitfield
Thompson (MS) Vitter Wicker
Thornberry Walden Wilson
Thune Walsh Wise
Thurman Wamp Wolf
Tiahrt Waters Woolsey
Tierney Watkins Wu
Toomey Watt (NC) Wynn
Towns Watts (OK) Young (FL)
Traficant Weiner
Turner Weldon (FL)

NAYS—1

Taylor (MS)

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Hefley

NOT VOTING—28

Barton Klink Roukema
Bateman Lazio Sabo
Blagojevich Lipinski Shows
Campbell Manzullo Shuster
Combest Markey Talent
Cook Martinez Vento
Gutierrez McCollum Waxman
Hansen McIntosh Young (AK)
Hinchev Pomeroy
Jefferson Rangel

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof), the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid upon the table.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4733, THE ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL 2001

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-701) on the resolution (H. Res. 532) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4733) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). As stated by the Chairman of the Committee on House Administration on Friday, June 23, 2000, the Clerk has informed the Committee on House Administration of a recent anomaly on a recorded vote. Representative ROYBAL-ALLARD was absent on rollcall number 305 on June 21, 2000 and was in possession of her voting card. The Clerk was made aware of the fact that she was recorded on that rollcall, but on no others on that day, but due to the lateness of the hour, could not get confirmation from her by the time the vote was made public that she was ab-

sent and in possession of her voting card. Since then, the Clerk has received that confirmation. For that reason and the statistical improbability of the recurrence of that anomaly, the Chair and the Chairman of the Committee on House Administration believe that it is proper to immediately correct the RECORD and the Journal.

As stated in Volume 14, Section 32 of Deschler-Brown Precedents:

Since the inception of the electronic system, the Speaker has resisted attempts to permit corrections to the electronic tally after announcement of a vote. This policy is based upon the presumptive reliability of electronic device and upon the responsibility of each Member to correctly cast and verify his or her vote.

Based upon the explanation received from the Chairman of the Committee on House Administration and from the Clerk, the Chair will continue to presume the reliability of the electronic device, so long as the Clerk is able to give that level of assurance which justifies a continuing presumption of its integrity. Without objection, the Chair will permit the immediate correction of the RECORD and Journal under the unique circumstances certified by the Clerk.

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

GAS PRICE SPIKES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, this evening I would like to expose the Republicans' attempt to make a campaign issue out of the Nation's gas price spike crisis and Democrats' efforts to solve this crisis and continue working to protect our long-term energy security.

Higher gas prices should not be a partisan issue, but the Republicans are making it into one. On the other hand, the Democrats are trying to come up with bipartisan solutions. For instance, Democrats have called on committee chairmen holding hearings on this topic in the coming days to invite oil executives to testify so that these hearings are balanced. Democrats insist on exploring why the oil companies are showing record profits and why, when an investigation was announced, prices dropped immediately. Yet, the Republican leadership instead is making a sham of these hearings by using them as a forum to attack the Clinton-Gore administration. Moreover, the Republicans also do not want to invite

the oil executives to testify, because they are in the pockets of big oil.

GOP presidential candidate George W. Bush is one of the worst offenders. He has raised 15 times more money from oil and gas interests than Vice President AL GORE, and at least 25 of his top fund-raisers are connected to the oil industry. Last year, one of the first bills he signed bailed out the oil industry with a \$45 million tax break.

Let us look at other dilatory tactics by the Republicans. The Senate Republican leadership has held up reauthorization of the President's authority to draw down the strategic petroleum reserve and the Northeast heating oil reserve. These reserves would provide additional supplies for the gasoline and heating oil markets and would, in turn, bring down prices. The Clinton-Gore administration has supported both of these reserves. Yet, the Senate majority leadership has delayed action for too long, so even if both of these reserves were authorized today, the action is already too little, too late. As a result, Americans unfortunately are again to experience heating oil shortages in the Northeast this winter, and they have the Republican Congress to thank for it.

While the Clinton-Gore administration is trying to provide tax credits for energy efficient vehicles, buildings, homes and equipment, the Republican leadership is cutting funding for alternative energy sources and energy conservation measures. They have slashed funding for these common sense programs since they have been in the majority, which has resulted in a \$1.3 billion shortfall. As recently as last week, the Republican leadership voted again to cut funding substantially below current funding levels for renewable energy programs in the Energy and Water funding bill. Tomorrow, the Republicans will have a chance to restore some of this funding. If they are serious about resolving this crisis, they will literally put their money where their mouths are on this vote.

The GOP leadership also wants to repeal gas taxes and jeopardize our Nation's transportation infrastructure. In addition, they want to gut environmental protections that cost only 2 to 3 cents per gallon.

Just in case anyone out there thinks a few pennies are too much to pay for clean air, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. KUCINICH) and the gentleman from Maine (Mr. BALDACC) and I introduced a bill on Friday, H.R. 4739, that would enable the patent for blending cleaner, reformulated gasoline to be made available to all refiners. This would level the playing field for all refiners and, in turn, would bring down the price of reformulated gasoline.

If the Republican leadership is serious about working together in a bipartisan fashion to develop true solutions to this crisis, then they will work with

us to bring legislation such as the bill my colleagues and I introduced last week to the floor quickly. They also would find common sense programs that promote alternative energy options, ensure that oil executives are present at this week's hearings, and work with us to resolve this crisis as quickly as possible.

PRIVATIZATION OF ENRICHMENT INDUSTRY MISTAKE BY CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. VITTER). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. STRICKLAND) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, in the early 1950s, this Nation constructed two large uranium enrichment facilities, one in Paducah, Kentucky, and one in my district near Portsmouth, Ohio. In the early days, those facilities were used to create the materials that enabled us to create a nuclear arsenal; and I believe, as a result, we were able to win the Cold War. In more recent years, those facilities have enriched uranium so that we can create fuel for our nuclear power plants. Nuclear power provides more than 20 percent of all of the electricity generated in this country, and most of that fuel comes from the Paducah and the Portsmouth facilities.

A couple of years ago, this Congress unwisely, I believe, decided to privatize the enrichment industry. The CEO of the public corporation was a gentleman by the name of Nick Timbers. He had come to that position from Wall Street; and in that position, his salary was in the vicinity of \$325,000 and, I believe his last year as a government employee he received about \$25,000 roughly in bonus pay, for a total compensation package of roughly \$350,000. While a government corporation employee, he received a waiver letter from the chairman of the public board, which allowed him to be engaged in certain decision-making activities. Among those was to decide whether or not this industry would be privatized, the manner in which it would be privatized, and to assist in the selection of the board members for the new privatized corporation.

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I raised the issue at the time with the Department of the Treasury and with the administration that this presented an amazing conflict of interest. This was a man who was working for the government who was being given the privilege of engaging in decision-making where the result could be his personal enrichment. At the time when I raised those issues, they were discounted and ignored.

What has happened is this, and the American people need to know it. Once that facility or that industry was

privatized, Mr. Nick Timbers received a salary of roughly \$600,000 a year. He received a bonus of approximately \$500,000 a year. He received stock options which brought his total compensation package to something in the vicinity of \$2.5 million.

That seems so wrong to me, that someone could be given the privilege of making these decisions, and then could make decisions which resulted in his personal enrichment.

What has happened as a result of the privatization under Mr. Nick Timbers' stewardship? The stock initially sold for around \$14.50 a share, and it is somewhere in the vicinity of \$4 a share today, so investors have lost multiple millions of dollars.

But the saddest outcome of Mr. Timbers' stewardship over this industry is the fact that last week the board, with his encouragement, made an announcement that the facility in my district, employing somewhere between 1,800 and 2,000 employees, will be closed within 1 year. This is a major problem for the families who depend upon that industry for employment in southern Ohio, but it is a big problem for the United States of America.

We know what happens, we experience today what happens when this Nation is overly dependent upon foreign sources for oil. We can go to the pump and see that we are paying \$2 or \$2.10 or \$2.20 for a gallon of gasoline, and that is because, in large part, we are too dependent on foreign oil.

Can Members imagine if this enrichment industry goes the way it is currently going and does not survive under Mr. Timbers' stewardship, what this country would face if 20 percent of our Nation's electricity was dependent on foreign sources for nuclear fuel?

It is for this reason, Mr. Speaker, that I am preparing and will introduce next week legislation to renationalize this industry. I hope this Congress supports me in that effort.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. CARSON (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today before 8:44 p.m. on account of airport and weather delays.

Mr. MARKEY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of illness in the family.

Mr. REYES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for June 23 on account of official business.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 6:00 p.m. on account of family health reasons.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to: